

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner Fred I. Ehichioya	Art Unit 2162	

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1. This communication is responsive to Decision on Appeal of 12/21/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 5, 6, 15, 16 and 26 (renumbered 1 - 5).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 19/7/2005
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. Based on Appeal decision of Appeal No. 2006-3037, examiner's rejection with respect to claims 1, 4, 7 – 12, 14, 17 – 25, and 27 have been sustained. However, examiner's rejection with respect to claims 5, 6, 15, 16, and 26 is reversed.

According to MPEP 1214.06[R-3](I)(B)(1), the examiner's amendment appears below:

In the claims,

Cancel claims 1, 4, 7 – 12, 14, 17 – 25, and 27

5 (Currently Amended) A method for providing access from a multifunction device to an electronic document at a user-specified remote storage device, comprising:

identifying said user-specified remote storage device having said electronic document based at least in part on a path thereto specified by a user at said multifunction device;

establishing a link between said multifunction device and a user-specified remote storage device having said electronic document;

accessing said electronic document at said user-specified remote storage device from said multifunction device over said link established therebetween;

sending said electronic document from said multifunction device;

converting a document to electronic format at said multifunction device; and

combining said document in electronic format with said electronic document from said user-specified remote storage device.

6 Currently Amended) A method for providing access from a multifunction device to an electronic document at a user-specified remote storage device,
comprising:

identifying said user-specified remote storage device having said electronic document based at least in part on a path thereto specified by a user at said multifunction device;

establishing a link between said multifunction device and a user-specified remote storage device having said electronic document;

accessing said electronic document at said user-specified remote storage device from said multifunction device over said link established therebetween;

combining said accessed data said electronic document from said user-specified remote storage device with an electronic document generated at said multifunction device; and

sending said combined electronic documents from said multifunction device to a network destination.

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15 Currently Amended) A method for accessing user-requested data from a configured multifunction device, comprising:

identifying a remote storage device having said user-requested data operatively associated therewith based at least in part on a path for said remote storage device specified by a user at said configured multifunction device; and

retrieving said user-requested document from said configured multifunction device;

converting a document to electronic format at said configured multifunction device; and

combining said document in electronic format with said retrieved user-requested data

16 Currently Amended) A method for accessing user-requested data from a configured multifunction device, comprising:

identifying a remote storage device having said user-requested data operatively associated therewith based at least in part on a path for said remote storage device specified by a user at said configured multifunction device; and

retrieving said user-requested document from said configured multifunction device;

combining said retrieved user-requested data with an electronic document generated at said configured multifunction device; and

sending said combined electronic document and retrieved user-requested data from said configured multifunction device to a network destination.

26 Currently Amended) A multifunction device comprising:

computer-readable media operatively associated with said multifunction device
and having computer-readable program code thereon including program code for
identifying data operatively associated with a user-specified remote storage device;
program code for accessing said data operatively associated with said user-
specified remote storage device from said multifunction device;
program code for combining a document in electronic format with a document
image at said multifunction device; (see column 9, lines 3 – 7); and
program code for sending said combination of said document in electronic format and said document image from said multifunction device to a network destination.

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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fred I. Ehichioya whose telephone number is 571-272-4034. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E. Breene can be reached on 571-272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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